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ALVARO CUNHAL CONCERNING LAJES BASE AND NATO

IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN THE EVENING DIARIO DE LISBOA OF
SEPT 24, ANVARO CUNHAL, PORTUGUESE MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO
AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PCP, MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS
CONCERNING HIS PARTY'S POSITION ON LAJES BASE AND PORTUGAL'S
PARTICIPATION IN NATO:

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"AS YOU KNOW, THE PCP, FOR THE MOMENT, IS NOT RAISING THE PROBLEM OF NATO OR OF LAJES. IT IS A PROBLEM TO BE RESOLVED BY AIRING IN THE BROADEST INTERNATIONAL SETTING, UNTIL THE POLICY OF (THE EXISTENCE OF) MILITARY BLOCS AND OF EUROPEAN SECURITY IS TERMINATED.

"THE POSITION OF THE PCP IS WELL KNOWN. WE ARE AGAINST THE EXISTENCE OF MILITARY BASES ON PORTUGUESE TERRITORY AND AGAINST PARTICIPATION IN MILITARY BLOCS. IN SPITE OF THIS, WE MUST NOT BE IMPATIENT OR CREATE, NOW, MORE PROBLEMS THAN THOSE WE ALREADY HAVE".
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